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and complete table of contents, a full table of cases and a table of statutes.

The text, covering 743 pages, is an exhaustive treatise of the law pertaining to mines and mining, and is divided under such sub-heads as Property and Possession, Workings and Uses, Contracts, Sales, Leases, Licenses, Neighbors, and Local Rights and Customs.

The book is peculiarly applicable to England, but the general principles discussed and pointed out makes it of general interest to the profession.

H. W. M.

BOUVIER'S LAW DICTIONARY. Rawle's Edition, Vol. II. Boston : The Boston Book Company. 1897.

The second volume of Mr. Francis Rawle's revision of what has long been the acknowledged head of legal dictionaries, is fully up to the high standard set by the first volume. It includes words of art and phrases from and including "Jacens" to "Zoll-Verein." The volume contains 1254 pages of double column, closely printed matter, consisting of all the terms appearing in the former editions of the work, together with many additions.

That the book is brought thoroughly up to date appears from the fact that, on page 1174, *et seq.*, title "United States Courts," is found an abstract of the Bankrupt Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1898. The editor has copiously annotated each statement by references to very recent decisions, many of them appearing from courts of the highest authority within the last two years.

The effort has been made, and successfully, to make the revision more than a mere definition of terms. To that end the general rules of law on any particular subject are arranged in proper place. For instance, the title "Pledge," to which a half column only is devoted to definition, occupies ten columns of the book, setting out the various rules of decision. Again, the title "United States Courts" is enlarged to cover seventeen full pages.

Another particularly meritorious part of the book is found under the title "Maxims." Forty pages are filled with legal maxims and their meaning. The list comprises all the legal maxims, at least all that any practitioner will find time to learn.

Many other points of merit might be picked out, but it is deemed sufficient to refer the book itself to the profession as the best proof of its excellence.

B. D. R.

THE LAW RELATING TO BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, WITH FORMS AND SUGGESTIONS. By WILLIAM M. THORNTON and FRANK H. BLACKLEDGE. Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Bender. 1898.

Prior to the appearance of this volume, the best known work in

this country on building associations, was that by Thompson, published in 1892. The second edition of the well-known treatise of the Hon. G. A. Endlich appeared in 1895. The present work is in two parts: *First*, an extensive discussion of the legal aspects of building associations; *second*, appendices of over four hundred pages. One of the novel, and perhaps the principal feature of the book, is the use that the authors have made of the excellent treatise of Mr. Scratchley on Building Associations, a work but little known in this country. From such examination as we have been able to give to the appendices, we have every reason to believe that anyone having a practice among building associations will find many useful hints and aids from the forms published. A specially valuable portion of the appendices is the publication of all existing state laws on the subject of the work conveniently arranged. The discussion of the case law appears to be complete and accurate.

A GUIDE TO THE LAW OF LICENSING. By B. STEPHEN FOSTER.
London: Waterlow & Sons, Limited. 1898.

Those in this country interested in the regulation of the sale of intoxicating liquors will derive many valuable suggestions from the perusal of this work. It is an exhaustive examination of the system of liquor licensing existing at the present day in England and Wales. All the sections of acts which relate to a particular subject have been collected and grouped under their appropriate headings. Under each section of the act the prior acts rendered obsolete or affected by the section are referred to. There is also a complete annotation of all the cases in which the section has been construed by the courts. The whole, therefore, forms what we would call, in this country, an Annotated Digest of the License Laws.

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